

Continuation of National Emergency re Weapons Usable Fissile Material in the Russian Federation: Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons—usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation is to continue beyond June 21, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–230). **Page H3700**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H3672–73.

Referrals: S. 2600 and S. Con. Res. 104 were held at the desk.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:04 p.m. **Page H3719**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3672, H3692–93, and H3693. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

SOCIAL SECURITY; LONG-TERM BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Social Security: The Long-Term Budget Implications. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 4013, Rare Diseases Act of 2002; Regulatory Reduction and Contracting Reform; H.R. 4961, Medicaid, Public Health, and Other Health Provisions; and H.R. 4962, Rural Health Care Improvements.

The Committee began consideration of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.

Will continue tomorrow.

VACCINE SAFETY AND AUTISM

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “The Status of Research Into Vaccine Safety and Autism.” Testimony was heard from Roger Bernier, Associate Director, Science, Office of Director, Center

for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Foreign Government Complicity in Human Trafficking: A Review of the State Department’s 2002 Trafficking in Persons Report. Testimony was heard from Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BURMA—RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Recent Developments in Burma. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Matthew Daley, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Karen Turner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau For Asia and the Near East, AID.

NATO AND ENLARGEMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on “NATO and Enlargement: A United States and NATO Perspective.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; and Ian Brzezinski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Affairs; and Robert A. Bradtke, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H. R. 4623, amended, Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention Act of 2002; H.R. 4477, amended, Sex Tourism Prohibition Improvement Act of 2002; H.R. 4679, amended, Lifetime Consequences for Sex Offenders Act of 2002; H.R. 4858, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas; H. Res. 417, recognizing and honoring the career and work of Justice C. Clifton Young; and H.R. 4864, amended, Anti-Terrorism Explosives Act of 2002.

OVERSIGHT—INS’S INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “The Immigration and Naturalization Service’s (INS’s) Interior Enforcement Strategy.” Testimony was heard from Joseph R. Greene, Assistant Commissioner, Investigations, INS, Department of Justice; Richard M. Stana, Director, Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Washington Aqueduct and the effects of its discharge on the C&O Canal National Historic Park and the endangered shortnose sturgeon. Testimony was heard from Don Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Dominic Izzo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and Ben Grumbles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA.

SOUND SCIENCE FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT PLANNING ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 4840, Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Department of the Interior; and William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE EXPANSION ACT—RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act, and the Senate amendment thereto, shall be taken from the Speaker's table and agreed to with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The resolution provides that the House shall be considered to have insisted on its amendment to the Senate amendment. Finally, the resolution provides that the House shall be considered to have requested a conference with the Senate thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representatives Rangel and Levin.

HOW LIMITING INTERNATIONAL VISITOR VISAS HURTS SMALL BUSINESS TOURISM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on How Limiting International Visitor Visas Hurts Small Business Tourism. Testimony was heard from James W. Ziglar, Commissioner, INS, Department of Justice; Thomas Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; John E. Bush, Governor, State of Florida; John Lewis, former Assistant Director, FBI, National Security Division (Counterintelligence and Counter-terrorism), Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ARMING PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4635, Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act.

MEDICARE MODERNIZATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACT; IMPROVING ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CARE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4954, Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act of 2002; and H.R. 4946, Improving Access to Long-Term Care Act of 2002.

Joint Meetings**9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION**

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence continued joint closed hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Joint hearings recessed subject to call.

KOSOVO ETHNIC HARMONY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission to examine the current human rights atmosphere in Kosovo, focusing on the rights of ethnic minorities to return home, human trafficking, and the rising tensions between the region's ethnic minorities, after receiving testimony from Rada Trajkovic, Kosovo Parliamentarian, Kosovo Serv Povratak Coalition, Podujevo; Alush Gashi, Kosovo Parliamentarian, Democratic League of Kosovo, and Valerie Percival, International Crisis Group, both of Pristina; and Nebojsa Covic, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia, Yugoslavia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine long-term care financing, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine Amtrak's financial condition, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander in Chief, United States Northern Command/